

## *Youth Resource Connections*

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### *Youth Headlines*

**Peer-to-Peer "Tools for Building Your Employment Component" Update.** This workshop, held in New York City on March 13 - 15 with STRIVE/YO! Harlem, will serve as the host site for two of the three days. The goal for this peer-to-peer training is to learn best employment practices as it relates to areas of Job Readiness Training, Job Development, and Follow-up Support/Career Development. Expect this training to explore in greater detail many of the employment-related themes that were addressed this week in Houston. Please be sure to send your lead staff person who is designated towards coordinating and/or designing your Employment Component of your YO! program. **Please note request for short turnaround on hotel reservations (Hudson Hotel), which should be made immediately.** Note: Expect the hotel will provide a "New York experience" in that it is beautiful in an "artsy" way and that its rooms are smaller than those at hotels outside of NYC. If you need any additional information please contact Anne Stom at 202/693-3377 or Charles Modiano at 202/693-3605.

**PEPNet 2002 Applications Due April 18, 2002.** April 18 is the deadline to apply for recognition under Promising and Effective Practices Network (PEPNet). The PEPNet application process is designed to encourage youth initiatives to improve their programming and to promote better programs nationwide by identifying those exemplary initiatives that help youth succeed. Any program serving youth 14 – 25 may seek external validation and outside feedback by completing the PEPNet Application, due April 18, 2002. For more information, see <http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/apply.html> or contact the National Youth Employment Coalition, (202) 659-1064.

**Teleconference on Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative Set for February 28; Regional Meetings To Start in March** The Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice, has announced a satellite videoconference to provide information about the recently released funding Initiative, "Going Home." The 90-minute broadcast, addressing the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative, will be aired nationwide on Thursday, February 28, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. EST.

To register for the videoconference, please visit Juvenile Justice Telecommunications Assistance Project's web site at <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj/conference.asp?confid=15>. To register offline or to request more information about the broadcast, contact Jenny

McWilliams at 859-622-6671 (phone), 859-622-4397 (fax), or ekujjtap@aol.com (e-mail).

The Department of Justice also is planning eight regional meetings to assist applicants with submitting proposals under the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative. The tentative schedule is:

March 8 – Columbus, OH

March 11 – Boston, MA

March 12 – Philadelphia, PA

March 15 – Atlanta, GA

March 20 – Houston, TX

March 27-Seattle, WA

March 28 – Denver, CO

April 5 – Minneapolis, MN

Please check the Justice Department's Reentry Initiative web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reentry/calendar.html> for confirmed dates and locations.

**Youth Advisory Committee To Meet March 4-5.** The Youth Advisory Committee to the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities will conduct an open meeting on Monday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 5, 2002 in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact: Dr. Richard Horne, Senior Policy Advisor, Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities (phone: (202) 693-4923; TTY (202) 693-4920; FAX (202) 693-4929; e-mail Horne-Richard@dol.gov)

### ***WIA Youth Updates***

**TEGL Approval.** Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco approved TEGL 11-01: Guidance on Revising Workforce Investment Act (WIA) State Negotiated Levels of Performance. The TEGL describes the criteria and procedures the Department of Labor (DOL) will use when considering state requests to revise negotiated levels of performance established under title I-B of WIA. Download this advisory notice on <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL11-01.pdf>.

**Five Job Corps Sites And Five Faith-Based Organizations Partner to Help Youth.** U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao signed a cooperative agreement that supports collaboration between Job Corps and Public/Private Ventures, a Philadelphia-based think-tank that specializes in research and demonstration projects dealing with high-risk and at-risk youth. The cooperative agreement supports community-based networks of mentors for at-risk and high-risk youth in Detroit, Indianapolis, Brooklyn, Bronx and Washington, D.C. For more information, link to <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/opa/OPA2002083.htm>.

### ***Program Spotlight***

**Job Corps students and staff assist in the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, UT.** One Job Corps center staff person carried the Olympic flame through his hometown. Sixty culinary arts students are helping out in the kitchens at two Salt Lake

City Marriott Hotels; 25 students are on security detail; dozens of others are doing carpentry and electrical work at various locations; and graphic design students are making banners. Other students are directing traffic at parking lots for media, families of the athletes and spectators. A Job Corps student danced in the opening ceremony.

### ***Publications/Reports/Resources***

**Recent Report Examines Trends in Employment Outcomes of Young Black Men, 1979-2000.** The report, *Trends in Employment Outcomes of Young Black Men, 1979-2000*, published by the Joint Center for Poverty Research (JCPR), finds that employment and labor force participation rates of less-educated young black men declined in the 1980's as well as the 1990's, despite the very strong economic conditions of the latter period. Harry J. Holzer and Paul Offner, professors at the Georgetown Policy Institute, researched and wrote the study. The report is available online at: [http://www.jcpr.org/wpfiles/holzer\\_offner.pdf](http://www.jcpr.org/wpfiles/holzer_offner.pdf). You may also contact JCPR at (847) 491-4145 or email: [povcen@northwestern.edu](mailto:povcen@northwestern.edu).

### ***Funding Opportunities***

**U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) requests applications for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.** Approximately 70 grants of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to community coalitions that are working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. **Deadline: April 24, 2002.** Interested applicants can obtain the FY 2002 Drug-Free Communities Support Program Application Package, which includes the Program Announcement, required forms, and instructions on how to apply at OJJDP's Web site at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org> by clicking on "Grants & Funding".

**The Institute for Government Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University announces the competition for the 2002 Innovations in American Government Awards.** The Innovations Award is heralded as the premier public-sector award in the nation. It is given annually to programs that serve as examples of creative and effective government at its best. Award winners are chosen on the basis of their novelty, effectiveness, significance, and transferability. During the last fifteen years, 295 innovative programs have been recognized as winners or finalists and have received \$17.9 million in grants. The Institute for Government Innovation, endowed by the Ford Foundation, administers the Innovations Awards in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government. Every level and unit of government --- federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial -- within the United States is eligible to apply. **Deadline: May 17, 2002.** For more information visit <http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/>

**Comcast Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Program Rewarding High School Seniors' Commitment to Community Service.** This scholarship program awards grants to high school seniors (attending schools within Comcast's Midwest Cable Division) on the basis of their community service, leadership skills, positive attitude and

academic achievement. **Deadline: April 1.** For further information visit the Comcast Foundation website at [www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com).

**ExxonMobile Community Summer Jobs Program Offers Internship.** ExxonMobile has given the Women's Memorial a grant of \$2,000 to support a young intern to work at the Women's Memorial for 8 weeks this summer. The internship includes researching, developing and designing a temporary exhibit for display in the Memorial in November 2002. The exhibit will commemorate the services of Native American Women Veterans and active duty and Reserve Native American servicewomen.

Eligible applicants must be a full time undergraduate planning to return to college as an undergraduate full time in the Fall of 2002. To apply, send a resume via email to the Memorial's Chief Historian, Judith Bellafaire, at [wimsacura@aol.com](mailto:wimsacura@aol.com) or at 5510 Columbia Pike, Arlington VA 22204. Interested individuals may also call her at 703-533-1155. **DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2002**

**Paul Robeson Fund Offers Grants for Video Production.** The Paul Robeson Fund, a program of the Funding Exchange, supports pre-production and distribution costs of social issue films and videos, as well as all stages of radio programs. The maximum grant amount is \$15,000. For application guidelines and forms, see the Funding Exchange web site at: [http://www.fex.org/2.3.3\\_robeson.html](http://www.fex.org/2.3.3_robeson.html) or contact:

Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media  
Funding Exchange  
666 Broadway, #500  
New York, NY 10012

### **Websites**

**Serious, Violent Offender Reentry Program.** The Department of Justice has now established a webpage to keep potential applicants informed. Visit the website on <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reentry/solicitation/basic.html>.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

**February 25- 27.** *Occupational Skills Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees.* San Antonio, TX. For more information please contact Susan Rosenblum at 202-693-3597 or [srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov).

**March 1.** Deadline for entries to the Youth Opportunity Grants film contest. For details, please contact Anne Stom at (202) 693-3377 or [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov)

**March 4-5.** Public meeting of Youth Advisory Committee to the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities, Washington, D.C. Contact: Dr. Richard Horne, Senior Policy Advisor, (phone: (202) 693-4923; TTY (202) 693-4920; FAX (202) 693-4929; e-mail [Horne-Richard@dol.gov](mailto:Horne-Richard@dol.gov)).

**March 19-21.** *MIS Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees.* Tucson, AZ. For more information, please contact Anne Stom at 202-693-3337 or [astom@doleta.gov](mailto:astom@doleta.gov).

**March 1 - March 22.** Date of entries for the VIDEO-YO! Film Contest.

**March 20-23.** *National Service Learning Conference* at the Seattle Convention Center. Applications are available on the NYLC web site at: [www.nylc.org/conference2002/](http://www.nylc.org/conference2002/)

**April 10 – 12.** *Arts to Career Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees.* Denver, CO. (See article above) For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos at 202/693-3596 or [gsalas@doleta.gov](mailto:gsalas@doleta.gov)

**April 18.** Deadline for Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition. Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site:

<http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>

**April 26-28.** National Youth Service Day (NYSD). For more information visit <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>.

**April 28 – 30.** Mark your calendar now for the RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE to be held April 28-30 at the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information visit <http://www.tocowa.org/>.

**May 1-3.** Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting – Tampa, FL. Contact: Hugh Davies, (202) 693-3497 or [hdavies@doleta.gov](mailto:hdavies@doleta.gov).

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*We welcome your input.* Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Ann Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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